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EXAMINER

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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

KLEBANOFF ET AL.

Examiner

Frantzy Poinvil

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 6/27/03.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Remillard (US Patent No. 5,561,709) in view of Takemura (JP404372057A) and Kosuda et al (JP411339106A).

As per claims 1-6, Remillard discloses an apparatus and method for providing user selected information. The system comprises a user using an electronic device for accessing remote electronic programming for purchasing goods and services using an associated remote controller. The system provides a user access to printing, electronic email and news information. Note the abstract. Captured images and data may also be stored or forwarded to other destinations. Note also the abstract of Remillard. Remillard further states that the apparatus may be used in a hotel environment in which a user may select and purchase available services. Note column 4, lines 10-13; column 3, lines 31-38. Charges of using the system or charges of purchased goods or services are debited using a

credit card. Note column 3, lines 31-45. Using the apparatus or electronic device, a user is able to review incurred charges and perform checkout. Although not explicitly stated, by using the email system, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art that a user would have been able to select a destination so as to send or transmit electronically a receipt to a desired destination. Furthermore, these types of services of sending a receipt of a transaction to a user-selected destination are old and well known in the art. Takemura and Kosuda teach such a feature. Note the entire respective documents. Takemura discloses a user selects or provides a facsimile destination for transmitting a user's receipt or transaction information to a destination. Kosuda discloses a user selects or provides an Email destination for transmitting a user's receipt or transaction information to a destination. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to introduce the teachings of Takemura and Kosuda into Remillard in order to allow a user to transmit a receipt to a desired destination. The motivation would have been to allow a user with a receipt at a much safer location whereby the receipt would not be easily misplaced and thereby providing easy review, storage of a particular transaction in case of a dispute. It should be noted that the combined system does not explicitly state placing a guest terminal for checkout services. Providing guest terminals at hotels are old and well known

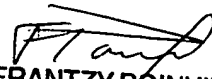
in the art. Placing a computer encompassing the combined teachings of Remillard with Takemura and/or Kosuda would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art in order to facilitate easy and instant checkout of hotel guests thereby providing an attractive and user-friendly system.

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Frantzy Poinvil whose telephone number is (703) 305-9779. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 7:00AM-5:30PM.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9326 for Before Final actions and (703) 872-9327 for After Final actions.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1113.


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